

The ban on using cellular telephones on airborne aircraft should be upheld. While safe airborne cell phone use is no doubt technologically feasible, passengers' calls could be frequent, lengthy and disruptive to surrounding passengers. Airplanes are enclosed, tightly-packed, and very noisy places today. Even noise-cancelling headphones - prohibitively expensive for most people - are not sophisticated enough to cancel individual conversations; the headphones cancel more predominant, lower frequencies, such as jet noise. If the public insists on discarding the ban on airborne cell phone, the FCC and FAA should promulgate restrictions on where in the aircraft cell phones may be used (e.g., a separate seating section, booths, etc.) and place pico cells accordingly.